(d) and (e) No, Sir. Applications are being continuously received and considered as per the Scheme. The Scheme provides for deductions, in calculating the tax payable, under the Income Tax Act, 1961, on profits of industrial undertakings or enterprises, engaged in infrastructure development for a period of 10 consecutive years, in a block of fifteen assessment years after the commencment of business. As the Scheme envisages promoting quality indusrial infrastructure, which is an essential component of industrialization, it is being foundattrative by the developers.

Statement

State-wise Approvals under the Industrial Park Scheme during the Last three years

Sl. No.	State	Number of approvals given			
		2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	Total
1.	Andhra Pradesh	8	4	8	20
2.	Gujarat	2	2	-	4
3.	Haryana	1	-	1	2
4.	Karnataka	14	13	7	34
5.	Maharashtra	26	17	4	47
6.	Rajasthan	-	14	59	73
7.	Tamil Nadu	3	1	6	10
8.	Uttar Pradesh	1	-	1	2
9.	Uttaranchal	-	4	1	5
10.	West Bengal	2	1	1	4
	TOTAL :	57	56	88	201

Demand and availability of gold

†4443. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated demand and availability of gold in the country at present;

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(b) the year-wise and State-wise details of the gold imported during the last three years, till date;

(c) the main reasons for fluctuation in prices of gold during the recent past; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to control the prices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) There is no firm statistics on estimated demand and availability of gold in the country. However, rough estimates place gold demand in the country at 700-800 tonnes per annum:

(b) State-wise data on import of gold is not maintained. Import of gold during the period 2003-04, 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07 (Upto December 2006) are as under:—

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl.No.	Year	Import Value
1.	2003-04	2994614.78
2.	2004-05	4734758.00
3.	2005-06	4795048.97
4.	2006-07 (Upto December, 2006)	4831326.69

(c) and (d) Internationally, various factors such as demand and supply, investor interest, interest rates, movement in the exchange rate of US Dollar *vis-a-vis* other international currencies, etc. affect the gold price. The same holds good in India too. The movement in domestic price of gold in India is in tandem with similar movement in international markets.

Trade by export-oriented industrial units

†4444. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of trade transcted by the export-oriented industrial

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